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SUBJECT: GENSCHER VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER MADE A FLYING

(2 AND 1/2 HOUR) VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AUGUST 27 TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM MINIC ON THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS CONFERENCE, YUGOSLAV THOUGHTS ON EXTENDING CSCE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EASTERN QUESTIONS, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE THE MAIN TOPICS OF CONVERSATION. END SUMMARY.

1. GENSCHER'S MEETING WITH MINIC ON AUGUST 27 WAS APPARENTLY UNDERTAKEN AT GENSCHER'S INITIATIVE. WE HAVE CONFLICTING INFORMATION ON HOW THE MEETING WAS SCHEDULED. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE FONOFF TOLD US THAT GENSCHER DECIDED HE NEEDED A BRIEFING ON COLOMBO AND ON VERY SHORT NOTICE ASKED TO MEET WITH MINIC IN ORDER TO OBTAIN IT. AN OFFICE IN THE THIRD POLITICAL DEPARTMENT WHICH DEALS WITH THIRD WORLD QUESTIONS, ON THE OTHER HAND, TOLD US THAT GENSCHER SOUGHT MEETINGS WITH BOTH MINIC AND VENEZUELAN ENVOY PEREZ-GUERRERO BEFORE COLOMBO. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE BOTH MINIC AND PEREZ-GUERRERO DECLINED, BUT MINIC INVITED GENSCHER TO COME TO YUGOSLAVIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER COLOMBO.

2. THE BULK OF THE MEETING WAS TAKEN UP BY MINIC'S DESCRIPTION OF WHAT WENT ON AT COLOMBO. ACCORDING TO MINIC, THE MAIN POINTS OF AGREEMENT WERE:

- A READINESS TO MAINTAIN PEACE, BRING A NEW WORLD ORDER, AND CONTINUE DE-COLONIZATION;
- WIDENING OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE LEADING TO EVENTUAL DISOLUTION OF BLOCS;
- DIRECT PARTICIPATION ON THE PART OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN THE SOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CRISES;
- AGREEMENT THAT CRISES PRODUCE SOLIDARITY RATHER THAN DISCORD WITHIN THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT.

3. CSCE.
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MINIC REPORTED THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT AT COLOMBO THAT CSCE SHOULD APPLY TO THE WHOLE MEDITERRANEAN. HE ADDED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL WORK TOWARD THIS AIM AND IN DOING SO, WILL NOT REGARD IDEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS AS IMPORTANT. MINIC TOLD GENSCHER THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL DIRECT ITS EFFORTS TOWARD A CSCE CONFERENCE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY GENSCHER REGARDING PARTICIPA-

TION BY ISRAEL AND COUNTRIES BORDERING THE BLACK SEA, HE SAID THAT ONLY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES BORDERING THE MEDITERRANEAN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS ARAB STATES. MINIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA WILL TAKE SOME INITIATIVES BEFORE BELGRADE '77. IT WILL DIRECT ITS EFFORTS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THREE BASKETS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT MAY START WITH ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL (POLLUTION OF THE SEA) QUESTIONS. AT COLOMBO IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN IS AN AREA OF TENSION DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF SUPER POWER FLEETS AND CRISES IN LEBANON, CYPRUS, AND ISRAEL. GENSCHER ASKED IF THE US AND USSR WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNED CONFERENCE. MINIC REPLIED THAT ONLY MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST

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PHASE. IN THE SECOND PHASE THE SUPER POWERS MIGHT
PARTICIPATE BECAUSE THEY HAVE FLEETS IN THE MEDITERRAN-
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EAN, BUT THE PROCEDURE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IS AN
OPEN QUESTION.

4. BILATERAL RELATIONS.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO SPECIAL
PROBLEMS. MINIC MADE STANDARD YUGOSLAV REMARKS ON NEED
TO BALANCE TRADE AND CONTROL TERRORISM WITHIN FRG.
GENSCHER REQUESTED IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
JOURNALISTS IN LIGHT OF DIFFICULTIES THE FRANKFURTER
ALLGEMEINE CORRESPONDENT IN BELGRADE IS HAVING.

5. BELGRADE '77.

AT LUNCH MINIC TOLD GENSCHER THAT YUGOSLAVIA WANTS
TO DRAW A BALANCE WITHOUT POLEMICS AT BELGRADE '77. IT
WANTS TO TRACE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE HELSINKI AND INTENDS TO
PROPOSE AT BELGRADE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPERT GROUP
ON DISARMAMENT. IT WILL ALSO PROPOSE AN ENLARGEMENT OF
CBMS. GENSCHER STRESSED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD
EMPHASIZE CONCRETE RESULTS OF CSCE FOR CITIZENS.

6. CYPRUS.

GENSCHER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND
POINTED OUT THAT IT IS A PROBLEM FOR NATO. HE ALSO
POINTED TO GROWING INVOLVEMENT BY THE FRG CAUSED BY
GREECE'S APPLICATION FOR EC MEMBERSHIP.

7. NEAR EAST.

GENSCHER AGREED THAT NEAR EASTERN QUESTIONS ARE DIFFICULT. ACCORDING TO GENSCHER, FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, IS DESIGNED TO MAKE THESE COUNTRIES FEEL THAT THEY ARE LISTENED TO AND NOT IGNORED. IN THIS CONTEXT THE FRG WELCOMED THE YUGOSLAV INTENTION TO INCLUDE ISRAEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE.

8. OIL EMBARGO.
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MINIC SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS SURPRISED AT THE HARD STAND TAKEN AT COLOMBO AGAINST ISRAEL AND FRANCE. IT WAS CAUSED SOLELY BY THE GOOD RELATIONS THESE TWO COUNTRIES MAINTAINED WITH SOUTH AFRICA. MINIC SAID IT WAS TIME FOR WESTERN STATES TO TAKE SIDES ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION. THE OIL EMBARGO WAS PROPOSED AS A WARNING THAT POLICIES TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA MUST CHANGE. GENSCHER REITERATED FRG POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA, TOLD MINIC THAT THE FRG WILL SUPPORT FRANCE AND WILL ADVOCATE THAT THE FRENCH EXPLAIN THEIR POLICY TO AFRICAN STATES AND REMINDED MINIC OF ATTEMPTS BY THE GDR TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR THE FRG IN SOUTH AFRICA.

9. ISRAEL AND THE UN.

ACCORDING TO MINIC, INDIVIDUAL ARAB STATES ARE MODERATE ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUED ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN, BUT ABANDON THIS MODERATE POSITION WHEN CALLED UPON TO TAKE A POSITION AS A GROUP. THE ONLY REASON A DEMAND THAT ISRAEL BE EXPELLED FROM THE UN WAS NOT ACCEPTED AT COLOMBO WAS RESPECT FOR UN PRINCIPLES. THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS FAVOR SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.

10. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

MINIC SAID THAT IT WAS CONCLUDED AT COLOMBO THAT PROGRESS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND TOWARD A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER HAS NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY. THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE OVERCOMING RECESSION WHILE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY QUESTIONS ARE NOT SOLVED AND THE DEBTS OF THE THIRD WORLD ARE INCREASING. THERE IS AN INEVITABLE DRIFT TOWARD CONFRONTATION IF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DO NOT TAKE A STEP IN THE PARIS CONFERENCE TOWARD GUARANTEEING THE REVENUE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FROM RAW MATERIAL

EXPORTS AND TOWARD DEBT RELIEF. MINIC STRESSED THE

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UNITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE NEED FOR ACTION
AT THE UN ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND THAT INDEXATION
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IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF BUT RATHER A MEANS TOWARD
GUARANTEEING GREATER INCOME FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
GENSCHER DEFENDED FRG POLICY ON RAW MATERIALS
AND REMINDED MINIC THAT THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE
INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD IS NOT VERY STRONG.

11. UNGA.

GENSCHER REVIEWED WITH MINIC THE FRG INITIATIVES ON
HOSTAGES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. MINIC WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID THE FRG IS PROBABLY PURSUING THE
RIGHT COURSE ON ASKING FOR LIMITED ACTIONS AGAINST
TAKING OF HOSTAGES. YUGOSLAVIA'S CONCERNS RELATE TO
HOSTAGES AND PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. FOR ITS PART,
YUGOSLAVIA AT THE UNGA WILL STRESS THE WIDENING OF
DETENTE THROUGH CSCE, GREATER APPLICATION OF CBMS,
SOUTH AFRICA, ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND DISARMAMENT.
MINIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA WOULD PROPOSE A SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT.
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